

TRANSMISSION SLOT ALLOCATION METHOD AND MAP FOR VIRTUAL  
TUNNELS IN A TRANSMISSION LINE

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In accordance with one embodiment of the present invention, a map of transmission slots for a port of a network element includes a plurality of hierarchical sets of port transmission slots. The hierarchical sets include a plurality of parent sets. Each parent set has its port transmission slots divided between a plurality of child sets. The child sets include interleaved port transmission slots.